

## *Future Facilities Workshop*

# NOTES

April 25, 2022

Present: Jesse Peters (Fire Chief), Matt Nielsen (Road Commissioner), Susan Peters, Marcia Bowen, Paul Schumann, Bo Chesney, Patrick Fairbanks, Dick Hogue, Kathy Hogue, Jon Morris (Select Board)

### GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Both the Fire Department and Public Works Department do not have adequate facilities
2. The 2006 Comprehensive Plan, 2010 Needs Assessment and the 2022 Comprehensive Plan all identify the need for a new Fire Station.
3. Public Works has outgrown their buildings; equipment is too big to be inside, sits outside on dirt parking lot; can't warm trucks inside so depend on idling
4. If a new facility is built on another lot, what would happen to existing buildings?
5. How will this be funded? Placeholder in Capital Projects Line?
6. Are we consolidating these 2 facilities to be in one location?
7. What is the future for regionalization?
8. Building new facilities will be a big project, we will need good advice, appropriate research and expertise
9. What do we actually need? Where will we put them? Combined or separate?
10. Would there be other town uses for a new facility?
11. Would there be any gains to rebuild?
12. It is important that our decisions include looking to the future.
13. A committee will need to be formed, professionals utilized – this will be a long process.

### NEXT STEPS

1. Talk to a Town who has done this before.
2. Determine what is exactly needed – now and in 50 years
3. Do it once and do it right
4. What comes first – where or what?
5. If in the Village District, what would the impacts be?
6. Create a charge for the committee
7. Be aware on impacts to Pownal taxpayers and those on fixed incomes
8. Determine square footage then determine where?
9. Consult North Star Planning to determine “first steps”
10. Have Fire Chief and Road Commissioner outline deficiencies for next meeting.

MEETINGS: The Select Board will hold workshops, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays to begin process.

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